New CGHS dispensary at Ghaziabad

88. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indirapuram and other newly developed areas around Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh are not covered by CGHS;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to open a new CGHS dispensary for these areas where a large number of Central Government employees and pensioners have shifted;

(c) if so, by when that is likely to be done; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Due to resource constraints, it has not been possible for the CGHS to extend CGHS facilities to areas presently not covered by it. Serving employees residing in areas not covered by the CGHS can avail medical facilities under the provisions of Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944. Pensioners residing in areas not covered by the CGHS can avail CGHS facilities by registering themselves with a CGHS dispensary nearest to their place of residence.

P.G. courses in Ayurveda

89. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether applications have been received by his Ministry from the Government of Kerala for starting of new P.G. courses in Ayurveda by Government Medical Colleges in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether competent authorities have conducted inspections;

(d) if so, whether the permission for starting the courses has since been given; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Government of Kerala in 2007-2008 had forwarded applications for starting new PG courses in Ayurveda in the following two Government Colleges;

1. Government Ayurveda College, Tripunithura.

2. Government Ayurveda College, Kannur.

(c) The CCIM duly inspected both the colleges.

(d) and (e) The Central Government has issued a letter of Permission to the Government Ayurveda College Tripunithura for starting PG courses in (i) Dravyaguna, (ii) Rasashastra,

(iii) Shalakyatantra and (iv) Panchakarma with admission capacity of four seats in each subject. Permission could not be given to the Government Ayurveda College, Kannur because the college did not possess the necessary staff and infrastructure prescribed in the regulations.

Toxication of milk products

90. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has noticed any case as that of in China, of toxic contamination of milk by any of the major public and private milk producing companies;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to arrest and discourage such unfair practices; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No such instances have come to the notice of this Ministry about toxic contamination of milk with melamine by any of the major public and private milk producing companies.

(b) and (c) Sale of milk or a milk product containing a substance not found in milk, except as provided in the PFA Rules, 1955 is prohibited. Any violation of the provision of the Act/Rules attracts legal action.

The Food (Health) Authorities of the States/UTs who are responsible for implementation of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act in their States/UT.s have been requested to keep a strict vigil on quality of milk specially with regard to contamination of milk with melamine, a compound which is used to form synthetic resins and not permitted in food products, as reported in China.

Strike by doctors in Andhra Pradesh

91. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the patients in hospitals suffered due to the strike of doctors in Andhra Pradesh recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that many deaths occurred due to strike in the agency areas like East and West Godavari, Visakhapatnam districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, what action Government has taken on doctors; and

(e) what guidelines the Ministry will issue in such circumstances to the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) Health being a state subject, the information with regard to the disruption of patient care services due to the strike of doctors are not maintained centrally. However, so far the Central Government Hospitals are concerned, the